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Amendments to Specification

On page 1, please amend the Title as follows:

METHOD FOR THE USE OF POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE LEVELS AS AN
INDICATOR OF TO MAINTAIN BIOREACTOR HEALTH

On page 1 of the specification, after the title, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

This application is a divisional of United States Patent US 6,737,263 filed August 28,
2001 which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/231,025 filed
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On page 32, please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method has been developed to ~~monitor~~ maintain the health of an activated sludge environment in a wastewater process comprising monitoring the levels of polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHA) produced as an indicator of bioreactor health and regulating the concentration of feed nutrients and nitrate and correlating those levels with various selected sample parameters to maintain bioreactor health. In general, levels of PHA in excess of about 15% to about 20% dry weight of the biomass is an indication that the biocatalytic efficiency of the wastewater treatment process is impaired.